

The Two Counts of Sicily

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generous instincts; but in manhood
his frame
was tall and powerful, and his voice
loud and
commanding, while his tenacity and
determination
of character whether in pence or war
marked him
as a trite scion of the Hautevilles.

An obscurity hangs over the early
years of the
future King which allows us to know
little of his
history until he has almost reached full
manhood,

The interest of the Hauteville historians
was fixed
rather upon Salerno and Antioch* At
least a
name venerable among the saints of
the medieval
Church is with his baptism,
Bruno, the
founder of the Carthusian order, to
Italy,

soon after the founding of the Grande
Chartreuse,
find, tired of the world, resolved with a
few corn-
pctnicms to retire into the depths of the
Calabrian,
mountains, an ideal refuge of hermits.

A charter
of the Ctreat Count in May, 1093,
granted Mm a
sanctuary nt*ar 8ti!o, and again, in
August, the
two Rogera granted him the monastery
of Santa
Maria and th« hermitages of Delia
Torre near
Squillace. The Count later besought
the blessing
of the venerable monk on his new-
born son and
nt tho end of 1096 Bruno baptised
the young

Kuger with water and oil at the Church
of Mileto. *

Of Roger'tt first twenty years we gain
little from
the historians, His eulogist, Alexander
of Telese,
in order to show how early tho spirit
of mastery
and justice wan dominant In tho future
King tells

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manummly , , « d\$\$
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